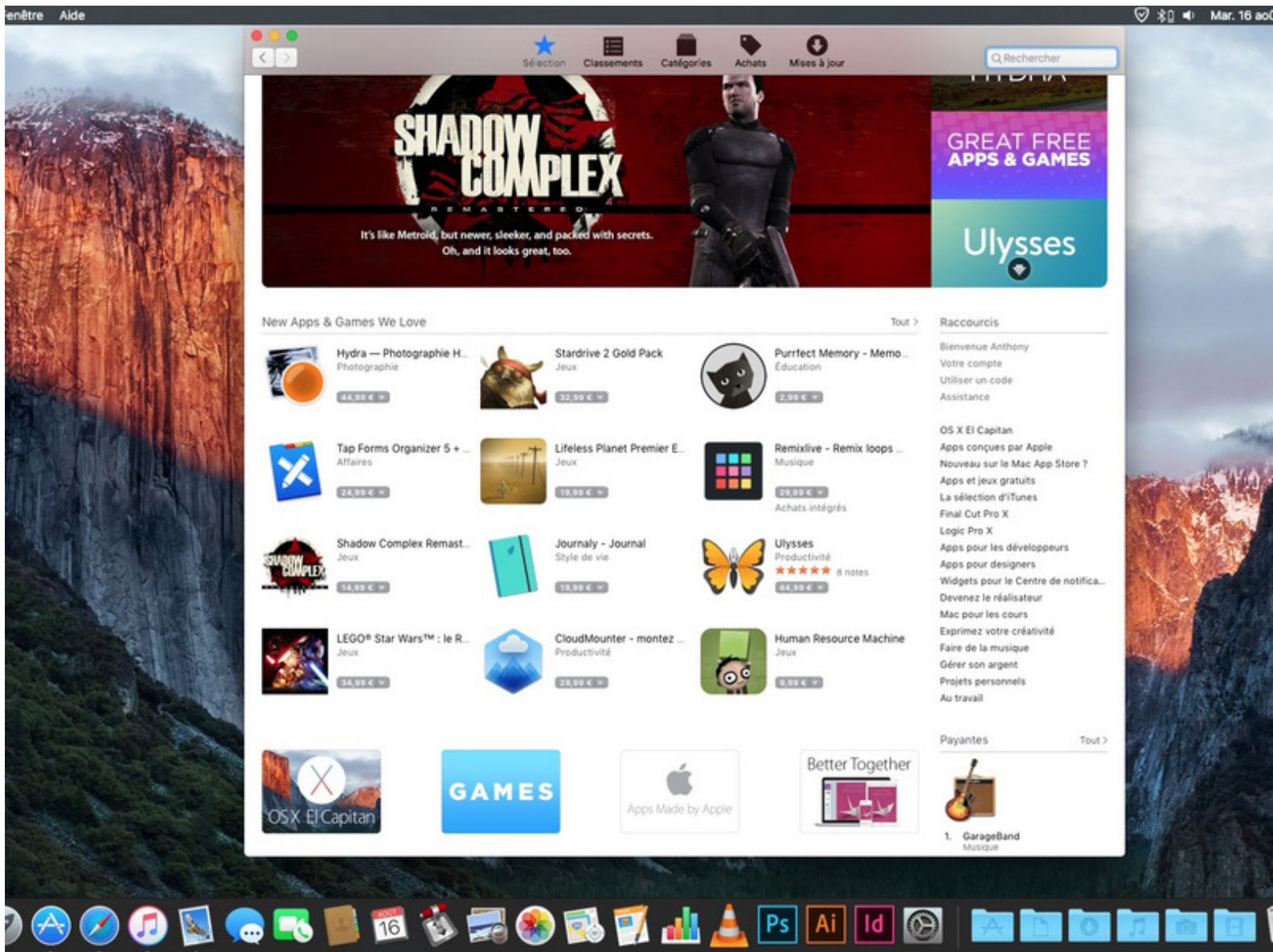




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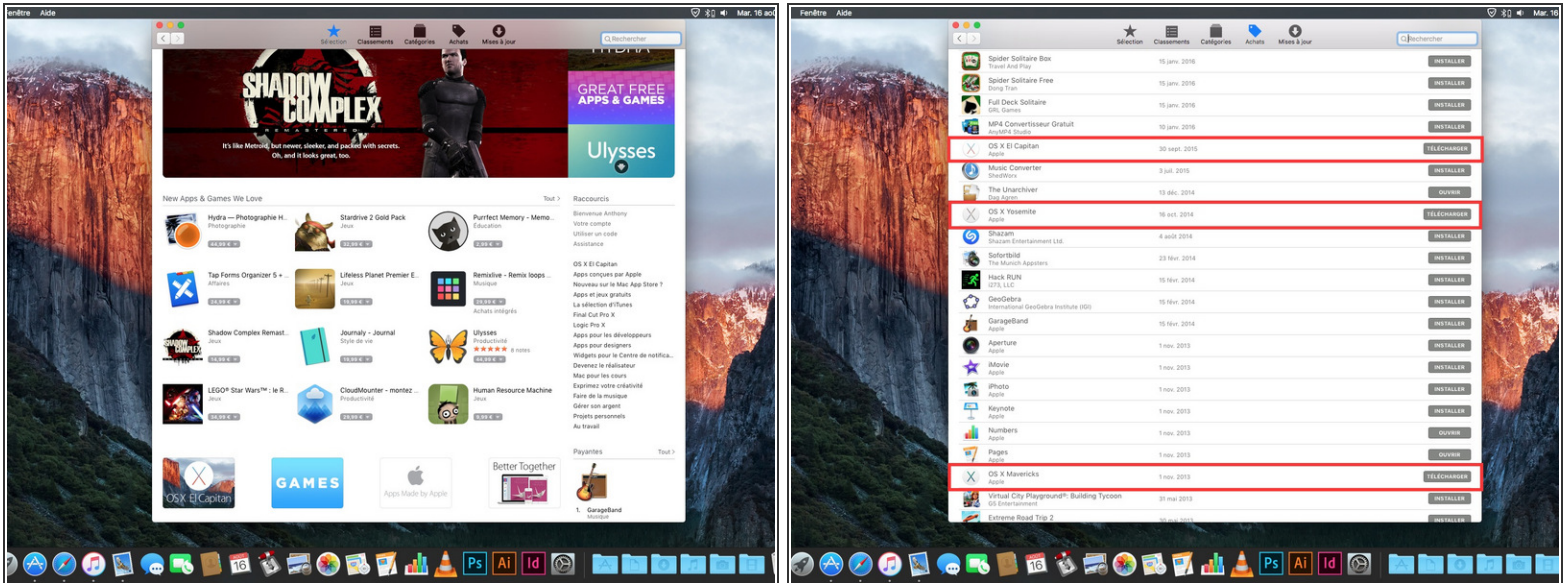
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## INTRODUCTION

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## Step 1 — Create a bootable USB drive



- Search and download the installation file from the Mac App Store.
- ❗ If you have already previously downloaded this file, you can find it in the **"Purchased"** tab.

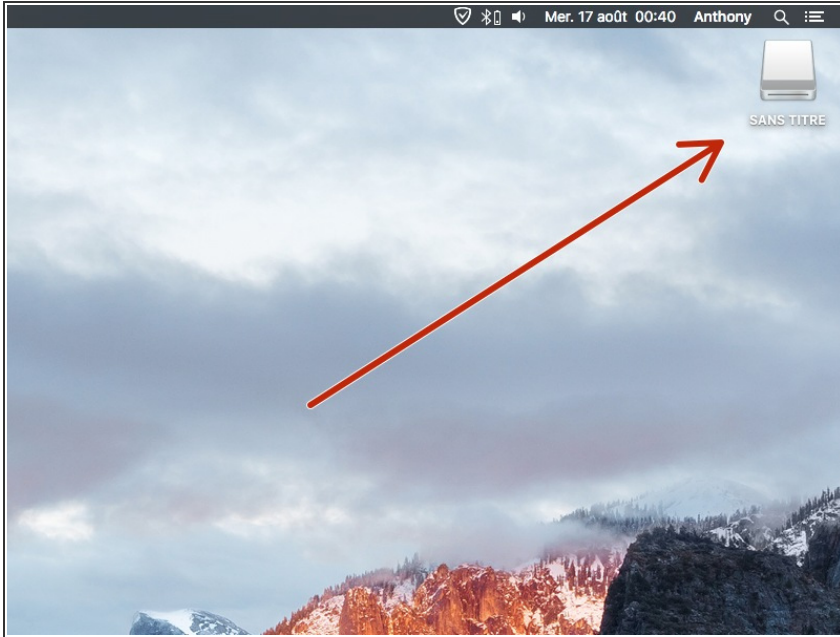
## Step 2



- After the downloading process is complete, exit the Mac App Store. The installation window should appear momentarily.
- Go to **install OS X** and **Quit OS X installation.**



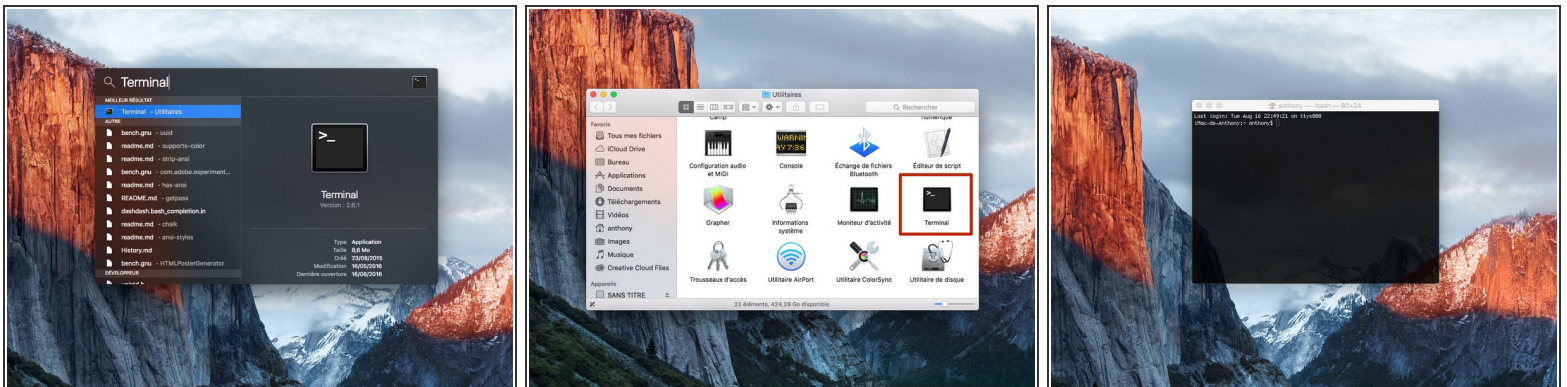
## Step 3



- Insert your **USB drive** into the USB port of your Mac.

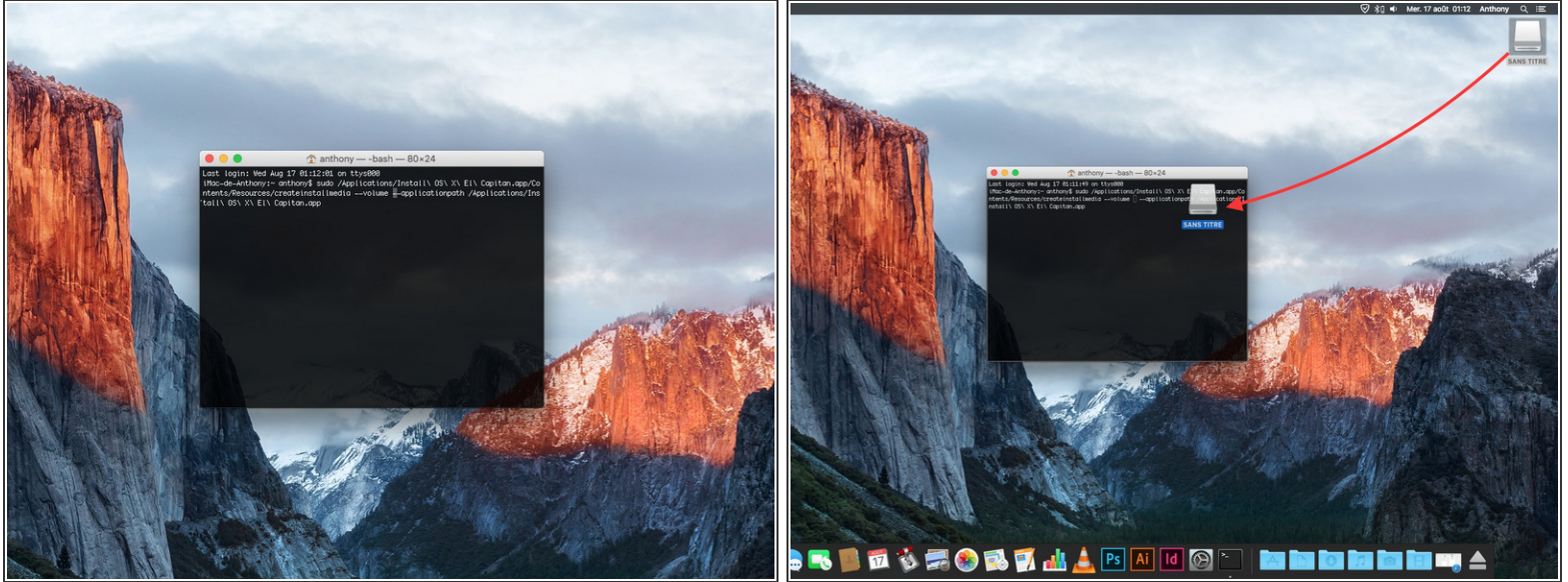
**Warning** your drive will be formatted afterwards, make sure that there aren't any important files on your USB key.

## Step 4



- Do a search with **Spotlight** or go to "**Applications / Utilities**" to launch the **Terminal**.
- Click it to launch the **Terminal**.

## Step 5

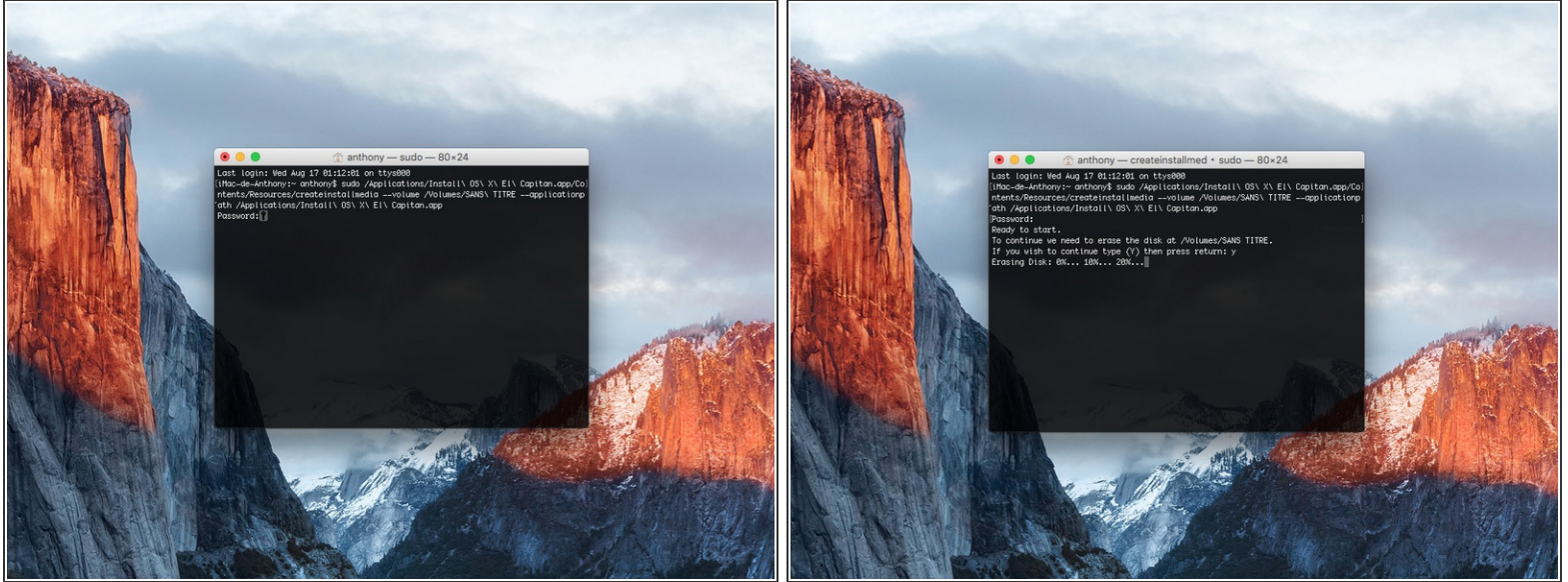


- In **Terminal** insert one of these command line :
  - **For El Capitan** : `sudo /Applications/Install\ OS\ X\ El\ Capitan.app/Contents/Resources/createinstallmedia --volume /Volumes/MyVolume --applicationpath /Applications/Install\ OS\ X\ El\ Capitan.app`
  - **For Yosemite** : `sudo /Applications/Install\ OS\ X\ Yosemite.app/Contents/Resources/createinstallmedia --volume /Volumes/MyVolume --applicationpath /Applications/Install\ OS\ X\ Yosemite.app`
  - **For Mavericks** : `sudo /Applications/Install\ OS\ X\ Mavericks.app/Contents/Resources/createinstallmedia --volume /Volumes/MyVolume --applicationpath /Applications/Install\ OS\ X\ Mavericks.app`
  - **For Sierra** : `sudo /Applications/Install\ macOS\ Sierra.app/Contents/Resources/createinstallmedia --volume /Volumes/MyVolume --applicationpath /Applications/Install\ macOS\ Sierra.app`

⚠ Replace the path **"/Volumes/MyVolume"** by your USB key. Remove the current path then drag and drop.

ℹ If you did not download the file from the Mac App Store, you must modify the file path after **"applicationpath"**.

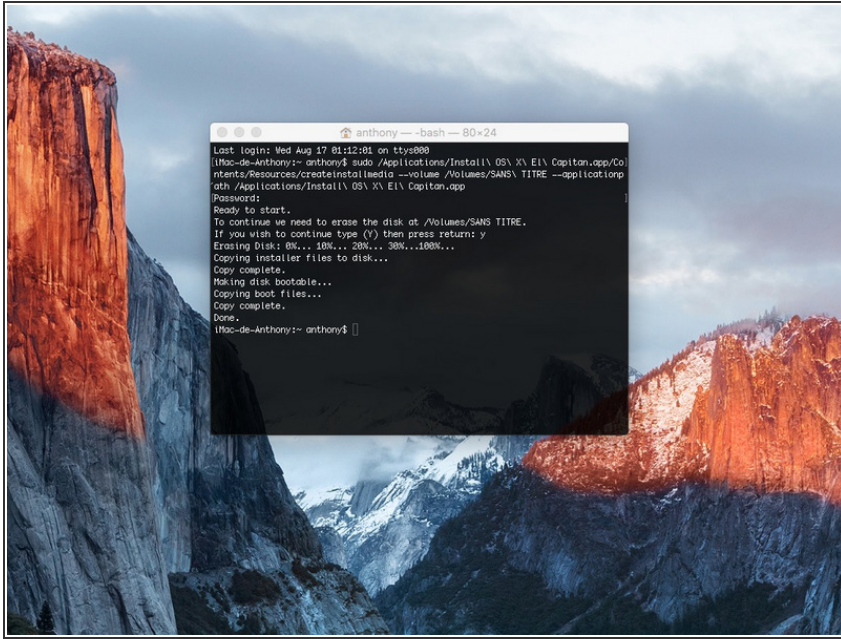
## Step 6



- After changing the path, press the **"Enter"** key.
- Enter your Mac's user password.  
**⚠ Your password is not displayed, but it is there.**
- Press **"Enter"** after having entered your password.
- **Check** the name and path of your USB key. If it is correct, press **"y"** then **"Enter"**.
- The key creation will begin. Please wait until the process ends.



## Step 7



- When the Terminal tells you **"Done"**, the creation of your bootable key has succeeded.
- Now you can restart your Mac from your USB key by pressing the **"alt"** key while it is turning back on.

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